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Friday 17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Scooter/bike racks

We have installed scooter/bike racks near to both our pedestrian gates. The children are very welcome to use them to store scooters and bikes during the school day. A big thank you to Mr Roberts and Mr Haigh for working hard to install them.



Events in school

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you very much to the four Year 6 children who represented our school brilliantly at the Remembrance Day Parade at St Luke's Church on Sunday 12th November. Thank you very much also to Mrs May who accompanied them.



Anti-bullying week – 13th-17th November

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. The children have been having discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between ‘banter’ and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. Together, we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying.



Children in Need – Friday 17th November

All week the children have been completing ‘bearpees’ to contribute to our whole school total of 96,044! This will be sent to contribute to the total being collected by Joe Wickes who set the challenge. Raffles have been held this week and prizes were given out in our assembly this afternoon. Thank you for your cash donations. We have raised a total of £400. A donation can also be made via this link:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12889>

HELP needed for the PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 24th November

The PTA are currently recruiting for anyone who can help out on a stall for our Christmas Fair on Friday 24th November. If you are interested, please email the PTA on hcps.pta@gmail.com They have also sent out information regarding donations for stalls/raffles. We really appreciate your support with this event – thank you.

Community news

One of the shops in the village, Miola, would like children to add Christmas decorations to the T-Rex located outside the shop. Please deliver your decorations to the shop as soon as possible. Thank you.

Reminder School Attendance, including Persistent Absences and Holidays during Term Time

The government has a persistence absence threshold of 10%. The absence threshold of 10% means that if a pupil is absent for 38 sessions (19 days) of school, they are classified as persistently absent. Schools are urged to inform parents of this threshold and to advise parents that fines will be made for persistent absence, unless there is evidence of a justifiable reason for such absence, for example, significant illness. Failure to make payment will result in legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

Timeline	Penalty Charges
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent per child
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent per child
After 28 days	The parent will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrate’s Court on the grounds of having failed to secure their child/ children’s regular attendance

As you are aware, I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is usually a one-off, unique situation that is of significant emotional, educational or spiritual value which outweighs the loss of teaching time. It is my duty to strongly urge parents or carers to avoid booking holidays, appointments or visits overseas during term-time. In addition, it is important that I advise you that under the legislation there is an expectation that schools will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice to those parents who take their children on an unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) in term time.

Calendar of Events

Please see below calendar dates for the new academic year. New dates have been added in bold.

November 2023

Monday 20 th	Year 3 and 4 Dance workshop at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 20 th – Wednesday 23 rd	Hamper donation days – PTA



Friday 24 th	Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Tuesday 28 th	FLUENZ Vaccinations

December 2023

Sunday 3 rd	Village Christmas Market 3-7pm (Our school choir will be singing at 4.20pm)
Monday 4 th	Year 5 and 6 Dance workshop at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 11 th	Year 3 and 4 Boccia tournament at HCCS 3.30pm
Tuesday 12 th	Y4 visit to theatre – The Nutcracker
Tuesday 12 th	Reception Nativity for Class RA (Miss MacWilliam) 10am
Wednesday 13 th	Reception Nativity for Class R (Mrs Noble/Mrs Winter) 10am
Wednesday 13 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 2pm
Thursday 14 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (Year 1 and 2) 6pm
Friday 15 th	Y5 Viking Day
Wednesday 20 th	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 th	Wider Opps music concert for Year 4 parents 2.30pm
Thursday 21 st	Christmas parties
Friday 22 nd December – Monday 8 th January	Christmas holiday – school closed

January 2024

Monday 8 th	Inset day – school closed
Tuesday 9 th	Spring term begins
Monday 15 th	Year 5 and 6 Boccia tournament at HCCS 3.30pm

February 2024

Tuesday 6 th	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6 th	Young Voices – Manchester
Thursday 8 th	Year 4 Greek workshop
Monday 12 th	Year 3 and 4 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
Monday 12 th – Wednesday 14 th	Y5 residential
Thursday 15 th	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Half term – school closed
Tuesday 27 th and Thursday 29 th	Parents' Evenings

March 2024

Monday 4 th	Year 5 and 6 Basketball at HCCS 3.30pm
Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
Monday 11 th	Year 5 and 6 Girl's Football at HCCS 3.30pm
Friday 15 th	PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 th	Year 4 Presentation to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 21 st	Mystery Readers 2.45pm
Friday 29 th	School closed for Easter holiday

Other key dates for your diary –

- Year 3 Presentation to parents – Tuesday 30th April at 9.30am
- KS2 SATS week – Monday 13th – Friday 17th May
- Year 5 Presentation to parents – Thursday 23rd May at 9.30am
- **Year 4 Wider Opps concert at Bridgewater Hall – Thursday 13th June**
- Sports Day – Friday 28th June (KS2 am, KS1 pm)
- Year 6 Leaver's Performance – Tuesday 16th July at 2pm and Wednesday 17th July at 7pm



PLEASE NOTE: Additional Inset Day for Academic Year 2024-25 – Monday 6th January 2025 will now be an Inset day so the children will return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

